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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Introductory Comments

Dear Sir:

The Applicant thanks the Office for the careful consideration given the application in the communication of September 28, 2004. Enclosed with this response is payment for a one-month extension for response and an Information Disclosure Statement including references cited in the companion UK Patent Application No. 0121655.5. A discussion of these references is included in this response. Applicant has amended claims 1-13, 15-17, 19, and 21-26 to further distinguish Applicant's claimed invention and to enable allowance of these claims. Claims 14, 18, 20, 27 and 28 have been canceled. The Applicant believes that the remaining claims, as amended, traverse the objections and define over the references cited in the Office Action of September 28,

2004. Applicant believes that the claims are in condition for allowance and requests reconsideration and examination of the application in view of the following amendments and discussion.

Claims 4-13, 15-17, 19, and 21-26 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and overcome the Office objections to these claims under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form. As noted above, claims 27 and 28 have been canceled, effectively eliminating the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Claims 14, 18 and 19 have also been canceled. Claims 1-13 have been amended to a claimed amusement ride to be consistent with claims 15-17, 19, and 21-26. No new matter has been introduced by these claim amendments, which are supported by the specification as filed.